



**YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING
A REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION (RAC)**

WHEREAS: Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act authorizes public participation in the 2021 redistricting of election districts under the redistricting jurisdiction and authority of the Yuma County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS: The Yuma County Board of Supervisors encourages maximum public participation in all redistricting matters by establishing an advisory commission to aid the Yuma County Board of Supervisors in its redistricting duties by conducting public meetings and developing redistricting plans for presentation and recommendation to the Yuma County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT

1. There is hereby established the YUMA COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION ("Commission") for the supervisorial term ending December 31, 2024, whose membership shall be as follows:
 - A. The Commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members who shall be qualified electors of Yuma County.
 - (i) Two (2) members shall be appointed from each supervisorial district by the supervisor from that district;
 - (ii) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors from the County at large;
 - (iii) The composition of the membership of the Commission shall reasonably reflect language and racial minority population within Yuma County.
 - B. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation;
 - C. The terms of the members of the Commission shall not exceed the terms of the members of the Yuma County Board of Supervisors. Any member of the Commission is eligible for reappointment for any succeeding supervisorial term;
 - D. The first meeting of the commission shall take place within thirty (30) days of the appointment of its members by the Board of Supervisors. All meetings of the Commission shall comply with Arizona's Open Meeting Law. At its first meeting the

members shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. All business of the Commission shall be conducted by a majority of the members which shall constitute a quorum, except as may be required otherwise herein;

- E. No member of the Commission shall be a Yuma County employee or related by marriage or the first degree of consanguinity to any member of the Board of Supervisors or any member of the Board of Supervisors' administrative staff, or any member of the Yuma County Attorney's Office, or Yuma County Recorder's Office or any other member of the Commission;
 - F. To the extent permitted by statute, all Yuma County officers and officials may, upon written request of the Commission, serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission. The Yuma County Administrator or her designee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission and shall make provision for administrative services;
 - G. The Commission is at all times required to allow members of racial and language minority groups an opportunity to participate in any decision changing precinct or district boundaries and is required to take the concerns of members of racial and language minority groups into account in making the change;
 - H. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the methods set forth in 1.A. above for the unexpired term created by the vacancy;
 - I. Members of the Commission may be removed for cause by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors.
- 2. The Commission is established to conduct public hearings on redistricting matters and develop redistricting plans for presentation to the Yuma County Board of Supervisors in furtherance and fulfillment of the County of Yuma's redistricting duties under State and Federal law. Once established, the Commission will meet at such times and places as are necessary to fulfill its duties under this Resolution.
 - 3. The Commission, at its first meeting, shall establish, with the aid of the Yuma County Administrator or her designee, and such persons as may be designated by the Administrator, a preliminary schedule as to its required redistricting duties and meetings of the Commission.
 - 4. The Commission is hereby granted access to all election and redistricting information, official records, papers, written instruments or records created, issued, received or kept by or under the control of the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, except those which are confidential or privileged under law or which are attorney-client communications not specifically authorized for disclosure by the Board. The Yuma County Administrator or her designee shall ensure that this policy of access is implemented and enforced at all levels within the Board's administrative staff. As a specific part of the implementation of this policy, the Yuma County Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to institute all necessary procedures to ensure access,

and to provide such services as may be necessary for the Commission's assimilation and/or compilation of accessed information, as well as the preparation of election and redistricting maps by the Commission, including but not limited to, provision for electronic data storage and retrieval and the retention, for employment by the County, on an as-needed basis, of persons with demonstrated expertise in the area of computer analysis of Census and election data for election and redistricting purposes.

Adopted this 3rd day of May, 2021.




Marco A. "Tony" Reyes, Chairman

ATTEST:



Susan K. Thorpe,
County Administrator/Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND DETERMINED TO BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
PERFORMANCE OF DUTY OF THE YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:



JON R. SMITH, County Attorney